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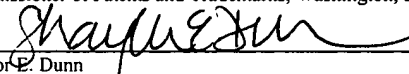
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Our File No. 1136/8

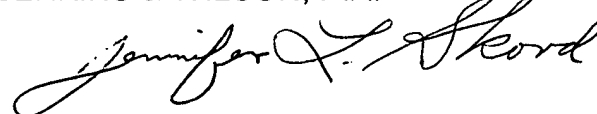
Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO/SB/08A;
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3. Copies of cited references (24 references); and
4. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp on it.

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicant's undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following references. Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are attached hereto. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

U.S. Patent No. 3,526,508 to Andelfinger et al. discloses an animal feeding containing pentacalcium orthoperiodate.

U.S. Patent No. 3,749,579 to Andelfinger et al. discloses an iodine source for animal feeding in salt block form.

U.S. Patent No. 3,808,310 to Andelfinger et al. discloses a process for preparing a composition containing pentacalcium orthoperiodate.

U.S. Patent No. 4,229,447 to William R. Porter discloses intraoral methods of using benzodiazepines.

U.S. Patent No. 4,581,226 to Richard S. Dillon discloses a method of treating sensitive animal tissue with a specially processed seawater solution.

U.S. Patent No. 4,879,277 to Mitsuya et al. discloses antiviral compositions and methods.



U.S. Patent No. 5,016,652 to Rose et al. discloses a method and apparatus for aiding in the reduction of incidence of tobacco smoking.

U.S. Patent No. 5,213,803 Pollock et al. discloses an antiviral composition and method.

U.S. Patent No. 5,504,086 Ellinwood, Jr. et al. discloses an intraoral dosing method of administering trifluorobenzodiazepines, propoxyphene, and nefazodone.

Publication by Life Sciences Research Office entitled "Evaluation of the Health Aspects of Sodium Chloride and Potassium Chloride as Food Ingredients" (1979) discloses the health aspects of using GRAS food substances, KCl and NaCl.

Publication by Morton Salt entitled "Farm and Ranch® Bunny Salt Spools®", (April, 1994) discloses 3 ounce salt spools compressed from vacuum granulated salt.

Publication by Morton Salt entitled "Purex® and TFC Purex® Salts", (May, 1995) discloses a food grade, unscreened granulated NaCl.

Publication in an English abstract only by Constans et al. entitled "Dilated Cardiomyopathy and Selenium Deficiency in AIDS", Revue de Medecine Interne, Vol. 18, No. 8, pp. 642-645 (1997) and discloses a severe deficit in selenium for a HIV-positive patient who died from a cardiac-related death.

Publication by Bruce M. Bertram entitled "Sodium Halides, Sodium Chloride" Kirk-Othmer *Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology*, 4th ed., Vol. 22, pp. 354-376, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., (January 2, 1997) discloses salt deposits, processing, and uses in the United States.

Publication by William F. Ganong entitled "Review of Medical Physiology", Appleton & Lang, 18th ed., Chp. 1, pp. 27-28 (1997) discloses distribution of ions and other substances across cell membranes.

Publication is an English abstract only by Baum et al. entitled "High Risk of HIV-Related Mortality is Associated with Selenium Deficiency", Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes & Human Retrovirology, Vol. 15, No. 5, pp. 370-374 (August 15, 1997) and discloses a selenium deficiency for all HIV-positive patients who died.

Publication by Fisher Scientific Corporation entitled "MSDS for Sodium Chloride", (July 10, 1998) discloses data for NaCl.

Publication entitled "Toxicity & NaCl FAQ", (July 10, 1998) discloses the TDLo for table salt.

Publication by Rick Sowadsky entitled "Frequently Asked Questions (II)", THE BODY: An AIDS and HIV Information Source, (September 1, 1998) discloses information about HIV/AIDS.

Publication by Rick Sowadsky entitled "HIV Antibody Tests – Now You Have Several Choices", THE BODY: An AIDS and HIV Information Source, (September 1, 1998) discloses the ELISA test and Western Blot test for HIV/AIDS.

Publication by Michael Onken for The MAD Scientist Network entitled "What Elements Make Up the Human Body?", (December 4, 1998) discloses the components of the human body.

Publication by Bajamar Chemical entitled "Potassium Chloride Powder Packets 20 mEq", (February 5, 1999) discloses the ingredients of the packets, including the MSDS for KCl.

Publication by David H. Levy entitled "Selenium: from "Magic" to Photo-Cells to Essential Nutrient", Parade Magazine, pp. 12-15 (November 7, 1999) discloses the side effects of selenium in large doses.

Publication by The Associated Press entitled "Mother Who Killed Her Children is Executed", The News and Observer, (May 3, 2000) discloses that injections of KCl stops the heart and causes death.

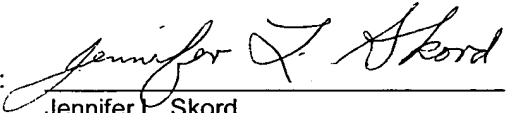
Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

Although it is believed that no fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of payment associated with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 50-0426.

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